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SUBJECT: TURKMENISTAN: CORRECTION TO LIST OF THOSE
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¶1. (U) Sensitive but unclassified. Not for public Internet.

¶2. (SBU) Post has learned from OSCE human dimension officer Benjamin Moreau that Turkmenistan's former Ambassador to the OSCE Batyr Berdiev was not/not listed among the almost 9,000 names of those amnestied on Tuesday (reftel). Moreau confirmed that although a person of similar name and sentencing date was listed, Batyr Atayevich Berdiev was born in 1960 and was sentenced on December 18, 2002. Post will continue to keep Berdiev's name at the top of the list of political prisoners in need of advocacy.

¶3. (SBU) COMMENT: All Western and international missions in Ashgabat continue to comb the amnesty list, which is especially important this year because of the steps the new government is taking to begin to improve its human rights record. We caught the discrepancy of the two similar names when we tried to contact the Batyr Berdiev who was released.
END COMMENT.

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